

View from the pew

Janet Oldham

Looking back to June last year, we were making plans to go to St Albans to hear the Archbishop of Canterbury preach and to participate in the spectacular Alban pilgrimage.

VESTRY ROOF

The Architect has now provided the Schedule of Works etc., for the DAC and currently we are awaiting their advice as to what further information is needed before the Faculty is granted. We are still optimistic that the repair can take place in August but this does require the Faculty to be granted quickly, tenders put out and one approved to start the physical process. Please pray with us that this stage will happen quickly.

I am delighted to say that, due to the generosity of the wonderful people of All Saints, we have now raised (including gift aid) almost all the money to cover the initial estimate of the repair.

SPIRITUAL CHURCH

June is going to be a busy month for goodbyes - first we will say an official goodbye to our amazing curate Ginni on Sunday 19 June, when she will preach at the 10am service. Afterwards we will hold a lunch for her, so be sure to sign up on the list at the back of Church if you would like to join us.

There will be an opportunity for you to go along to support Ginni at her installation as Vicar of the benefice of St Ippolyts, on Monday 11 July at 8pm.

Secondly, we will also say goodbye to our wonderful Archdeacon Trevor, who after 19 years as Archdeacon, is taking a well earned retirement. Our Diocese are holding a special service for the ArchDeacon on Saturday 25 June at 5pm, here at All Saints. All are welcome to come along. Refreshments will be served after the service.

The following Tuesday, 28th, Bishop Alan will be with us again to Confirm candidates from churches in Hertford.

ACTIVE CHURCH

Two opportunities to help keep the Church flowerbeds weed free and to clear the ivy which has swamped some graves in the area around the Memorial Garden will happen on Thursday 16 June between 9.30am – 10.50am and on Saturday 9 July between 9.30am and 12 noon.

Finally, I would like to thank Helen Harvey-Wright for all her support as fellow churchwarden during the last year and to warmly welcome Colin Bird.

Love,
Janet